

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)
Early Achievers Review Subcommittee
Membership & Participant Roster

The Early Achievers Review Subcommittee provides feedback and guidance on strategies to improve the quality of instruction and environment for early learning and provides input and recommendations on the implementation and refinement of Early Achievers.

The subcommittee uses a racial equity lens and considers cultural and linguistic responsiveness in its analysis and recommendations.

#	Representatives	Members
1	Child Care Centers	Dee Hirsch, Director , Discovery Montessori School
2		Lois Martin , Director, Community Day Center for Children
3		Bethany Newby , Director of Mercer Creek Childcare Center
4		<i>Hold for a publicly-funded (ECEAP, WCCC, local) center in Northeast WA.</i>
5	Family Child Care	Kacy Hallet , Owner, Discovery Zone Family Child Care
6		Marie Keller , Early Birds Play and Learn
7		<i>Hold for a Spanish-speaking early learning family child care in Central WA</i>
8		<i>Hold for a publicly-funded (ECEAP, WCCC, local) family child care in Northeast WA.</i>
9	Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)	Sandy Nelson , ESD 113 Sound to Harbor Head Start/ECEAP
10	Contractors for Early Achievers program technical assistance and coaching	Deeann Burtch-Puffert , CCA of King County - Child Care Resources
11		Christine Rosenquist , Director of CCA of Tacoma/Pierce County – Child Care Resources
12		Jan Thoemke , CCA of Central WA - Catholic Family & Child Services
13		Tiffany Stutesman , Child Care Action Council (CCAC)/ CCA of Olympic Peninsula
14		Marlaina Simmons , OESD 114 (Olympic-Kitsap Peninsula)
15		Wilanne Ollila –Perry , CCA of Northwest WA (CCANW) - Opportunity Council
16		Sandra Szambelan , ESD 101 (Northeast)
17		Lee Williams , CCA of Eastern WA - Community Minded Enterprises
18	Tribal Governments	Deborah Sioux Lee , Nisqually Indian Tribe & Indian Policy Early Learning Committee (IPEL)
19		Whitney Devlin , Cowlitz Indian Tribe & Indian Policy Early Learning Committee (IPEL)
20	Organization responsible for conducting Early Achievers ratings	DeEtta Simmons , Childcare Quality & Early Learning (CQEL), University of Washington
21	Parents of children participating in early learning programs, including WCCC and ECEAP	Angelica Gonzalez , Early Head Start, EHS, ECEAP, Working Connections
22		Wyleria Oliver , Seattle Preschool Program, CDSA Leschi Seattle Child Care Assistance Program
23		Suzy Salazar ECEAP, Early Achievers, Licensed child care, Head Start



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27	OneAmerica	Roxana Norouzi , OneAmerica
28	Early Intervention	Amy Kocher , Community Health Specialist, Kittitas County Public Health Department
29	Early Learning Action Alliance	Jennifer Jennings-Shaffer , Children's Alliance
30	Higher Education, Early Childhood Teacher Prep Council	Nancy Spurgeon , Wenatchee Valley College
31	La Casa Hogar	Laura Armstrong , La Casa Hogar, Yakima

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